BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary reported to the House that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

1. The Travancore Maintenance Orders Enforcement Bill.
2. The Travancore Companies Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore Explosives Bill.
4. The Travancore Patents and Designs Bill.
5. The Travancore Hindu Religious Endowments Act (Amendment) Bill.
6. The Travancore Provident Fund Bill and
7. The Travancore Christian Guardianship Bill.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Mr. S. Sundararajan : Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

Demand.	Amount in Rs.	Particulars.
XVI. Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue — Reproductive Works—Rubber Factory.	4,580	For paying off the liabilities incurred on account of works carried out by the P. W. D. in connection with the starting of works in the factory.
XXIX. 30. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments. Sri Chitralayam	8,293	For obtaining additional collections.

Financial Business.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

XXI. REGISTRATION.

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*) : Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 4,000 under Demand XXI –Registration. The allotment is required for expenditure on binding charges, partly to meet the arrears of 1115 and partly to meet the expenses of this year. The expenditure on binding charges in 1115 amounted to Rs. 5261 ;

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but funds are available only to the extent of Rs. 2249 and a sum of Rs. 3,012 remained to be paid this year. The allotment for this year is Rs. 1,500 and the balance required to pay up the arrears is Rs. 1,512. Expenditure has to be incurred this year also under "binding charges." I therefore request that the House may be pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 4,000 under Demand XXI—Registration.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*) : Sir, I am not provided with a list of demands for supplementary grants.

President : I am told by the Secretary that, as soon as grants were passed in the Assembly, the list was sent by post to every member of this House.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : But we are provided with the list Sir.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

XXV. JAILS.

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under head 17(8). I explained to the House the other day that the total Budget allotment under establishment and contingencies was Rs. 61,852 for the year 1116, out of which Rs. 46,640 was expended by the 4th March 1941 and that the balance available is only Rs. 15,212. I also pointed out that the main items under which additional funds are required are :—(1) Establishment, (2) Dieting charges, (3) Clothing and bedding etc. The amounts additionally required are as follows :—

Establishment Rs. 900, dieting charges Rs. 9,500, clothing charges and bedding charges Rs. 1,000. The increase in the expenditure under establishment is mainly due to the opening of a temporary jail at Alleppey which necessitated the appointment of a Jailor. The excess under dieting charges is due to the increase in the jail population and also to the increase in the contract rates. The average jail population in 1115 was 759 while the average in the current year up to Meenam 1116 is 925. The contract rates for 1116 are higher than before, the average cost per head in 1115 was Rs. 32 while as per the higher contract rates the cost per head is expected to increase to Rs. 48 per head in 1116. The additional allotment under clothing and bedding applied for is owing to the increase in jail population.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pattanamthitta*) : May I know the reason for this increase in jail population ?

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